(b) to (d). During the Eighth Plan period, labour intensive growth has been accorded highest priority, thereby generating additional employment opportunities. Accordingly, the unemployment rate which was around 3.77% during 1987-88 came down to 2.56% during 1993-94. It is expected that the strategy of employment intensive growth will be continued during the ensuing NInth Five Year Plan also.

[Translation]

Serials Mega

2949. SHRI NITISH BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Indian Culture based legendary and historical serials which have been cleared for telecast on Doordarshan at present;

(b) the time allotted to these serials on Doordarshan each month

(c) whether serial Mega has been omitted from the new rate card of Doordarshan;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for promoting these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sports Complex

2950. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of the work of the proposed Sports Complex at Barnungachi, Howrah under Eastern Railway;

(b) the estimated cost and funds made available therefor;

(c) the capacity of the Stadia; and

(d) the target period of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Tender for consultancy services is under process of finalisation. Part estimate for consultancy is being prepared.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 8.95 Crores and allotment of funds for the current year i.e. 1996-97 is Rs. 51.70 lakhs.

(c) The proposed capacity of the Stadium is 20,000.

(d) Three years subject to availability of requisite funds.

Electrification of Railway Routes

2951. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government propose to electrify Chandil-Muri and Muri-Bakaro Railway route;

(b) if so, whether this section is likely to be electrified during the current year; and

(c) if so, the funds allotted for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. The works have already been taken up.

(b) These sections are likely to be electrified by March, 98.

(c) The funds allotted for the year 1996-97 for Chandil-Muri-Barkakana Electrification Project and for the Bokaro-Muri-Barsuan/Kiriburu Electrification Project which include these sections are Rs. 20 crore and Rs. 40 crore, respectively.

Vigilance Inspector

2952. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Vigilance Inspectors of Railway Board discipline-wise and number out of them completed full-term i.e. six years;

(b) the action taken by the Government to revert such staff to their Parent Cadre; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). At present there are 36 Inspectors with Vigilance Directorate, comprising of 21 from Traffic, 6 from Engineering 2 from Stores and the balance covering other disciplines.

A total of 8 Inspectors have completed six years tenure out of which three have been given extension in administrative interest in accordance with extant rules.

The process of selection for Vigilance Inspectors to fill up the existing as also anticipated vacancies has already been initiated.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Post Offices in U.P.

2953. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present number of post offices and telephone exchanges in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh are adequate;